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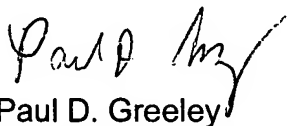
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Also enclosed are copies of U.S. Patent No. 6,272,112 and UK Search Report Application No. 0308871.3.

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Respectfully submitted,



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### U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6,272,112	8/1/01	Orita	370	243	

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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### OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Hughes, Examiner. GB Search Report, Application Number GB 0308871.3, dated 9 July 2003.

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